



AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

State tax,	\$1888 00
County tax,	3178 45
School tax,	2400 00
School tax, extra, No. 1,	200 00
Town tax,	3407 78
Salmon Hole Brook road,	200 00
Village Precinct,	625 00
School house No. 6,	15 00
School house No. 11,	25 00
Non-resident highway tax,	36 32
Dog tax,	73 00
Lease money of U. M. Spooner,	3 00
W. H. Cummings, for Henry Chase,	2 00
E. Fisk, highway district No. 1,	36 00
Hawk Bounty,	3 60
E. D. Rand, highway tax No. 1,	31 45

C. H. Boynton, expense of	
E. Boynton,	32 22
O. H. Boynton, expense of	
E. Boynton,	78 49
County of Grafton,	588 02
Samuel Streeter, note,	18 34
Railroad tax,	305 76
Literary fund,	475 83
Savings Bank tax,	163 40
Rent of Geo. R. Harris house,	96 00
Rent of Town Hall,	20 00
Rent of John M. Shea farm,	95 00
Sam'l J. Clough, note,	84 11
Wm. Little, collector, 1880,	2220 14
W. H. Cummings, treasurer 1880,	2882 24
Interest on taxes 1880,	63 62
	—————\$19,248 78

PAYMENTS AND EXPENDITURES.

State tax,	1888 00
County tax,	3178 45
School tax,	2400 00
School tax, No. 1,	200 00
School No. 1 balance due, 1880	487 43
" 2 "	60 96
Precinct tax "	1398 96
Precinct tax 1881,	625 00
Coupons on \$17,800, town bonds,	1068 00
	—————\$11,306 80

TOWN PAUPERS.

Chester Taylor,	46 92
Eben Boynton,	49 85
Mrs. J. W. Northy,	235 00
Julia Shea,	145 00
Jason Whipple,	189 96
Mrs. Jacob Ela,	23 51
	<hr/> \$690 24

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Jacob Bishop,	143 35
Phebe Clough,	104 00
Mrs. Cram,	76 84
Hiram Bowen,	85 49
James Wright,	20 24
Walter Barrett,	39 19
Oris Bowles,	37 97
Nancy Kume,	8 79
Ed Marden,	118 72
Mrs. Kentfield,	32 06
Azro Waters,	31 86
Marindia Northy,	28 00
Nancy Cushman,	40 00
Mrs. Anson Bowles,	6 08
Dan'l Kentfield,	5 25
Mrs. Dyke,	4 83
Fuller boy,	7 50
Trautond,	5 00
Mrs. Charles Bowles,	4 00
	<hr/> \$799 20

TOWN OFFICERS.

Henry C. Symonds, 1st Selectman,	\$118 50
J. H. Jesseman, 2d Selectman,	78 00
Edwin Knight, 3d Selectman,	39 00
L. A. Young, Town Clerk,	53 20
S. S. Nickerson, Supt. School Com.	60 00
W. H. Cummings, Treasurer,	25 00
Wm. Little, Collector 1880,	90 00
Auditors,	6 00
Supervisors,	13 50
	—————\$483 20

BOARD OF HEALTH.

J. F. Thompson,	15 24
O. H. Boynton,	19 38
Jenifer Moulton,	14 00
Expenses,	14 00
	—————\$62 62

SHEEP DAMAGE.

C. Leehan,	13 00
Dan Sweeney,	8 00
S. W. Dexter,	4 00
Dennis Nihan,	4 40
O. S. Carter,	15 00
Geo. C. Bowles,	2 50
	—————\$46 90

WATER TROUGHS.

Mrs. Brewster Richardson,	3 00
M. C. Spooner,	3 00
Cephas P. Barrett,	3 00
John H. Aldrich,	3 00
Isaac N. Hall,	3 00
L. F. Ash,	3 00
Jona. Bowles,	1 50
John C. Aldrich,	1 50
Geo, Jesseman, two years,	3 00
C. E. Elms,	3 00
Hiram Noyes,	3 00
David Smith,	3 00
W. H. Cummings,	3 00
David Dexter,	3 00
Wm. Jackman,	3 00
D. E. P. Corey,	3 00
	<hr/> \$45 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Lighting village bridge,	25 00
Insurance Western Town Hall,	20 00
Insurance Eastern Town Hall,	10 00
H. E. Parker printing reports,	35 50
Building fence at Eastern Town Hall,	9 00
School books,	4 05
Selectmens expenses,	21 26
Incidentals,	12 56
Hawk bounty,	2 50

C. H. Boynton returning births and deaths,	4 50
O. H. Boynton, returning births and deaths,	2 25
W. B. Moody, returning births and deaths,	1 50
J. F. Thompson, returning births and deaths,	25
Abatement on tax of 1880,	53 91
Abatement to Little bill, 1880,	45 00
Abatement for over taxation in 1881,	29 91
Wm. Little balance on tax 1881,	2216 18
W. H. Cummings, treasurer 1881,	2403 19
	—————\$4936 56

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Streeter bridge,	397 18
Salmon Hole Brook road,	212 98
Northey road,	46 45
South Branch road,	34 73
Bridge at mouth of Salmon Hole,	11 25
Road in No. 29,	41 22
“ 20	30 00
“ 3 & 4	9 37
“ 32	10 84
“ 1	15 38
“ 14	6 25
“ 16	7 49
“ 17	5 00

Road in No. 33	6 00	
“ 19	5 20	
“ 28	2 56	
Oregon road	4 37	
Village bridge,	6 66	
Sundry roads and bridges,	65 33	
		\$918 26
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		\$19248 78

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1882.

Bonds outstanding, \$17800 00

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Hiram Aldrich, note,	1272 28	
Ira B. Gould, claim,	67 40	
Sanford Daily, claim,	47 70	
Howard claim,	28 00	
Lease land D. S. Richardson,	6 00	
Lease land Wilbur Bowles,	12 00	
Lease land Chas. Spooner,	3 00	
Lease land H. D. Bishop,	10 00	
Bed and bedding,	12 00	
G. R. Harris house,	961 92	
John M. Shea farm,	1600 00	
Due from County of Grafton,	799 20	
Due from Wm. Little, collector,	2216 18	
Due from W. H. Cummings, treas.	2403 19	
		<hr/> \$9438 87

Balance against Town Mar. 1, 1882,	\$8361 13
Balance of debt Mar. 1, 1881,	\$9862 06
Balance of debt Mar. 1, 1882,	\$8361 13
Reduction of debt this year,	\$1500 93

The town is still working out of debt, although with a greatly reduced taxation. The money raised for town purposes was cut down from five thousand to three thousand, two years ago and has still afforded ample means for all town purposes, and reduced the debt in the same time nearly three thousand dollars, with nearly funds enough on hand to meet the installment of bonds falling due March 1, 1885. It will probably be safe to reduce the money tax five hundred dollars this spring. The Streeter bridge has been thoroughly rebuilt at an expense of about four hundred dollars. In addition to this, some heavy pauper bills have been met the past season that will hereafter be paid by the County. With reasonably good luck hereafter and prudent management, we can extinguish our debt and keep the tax down as low or lower than at present.

W. H. CUMMINGS,	} Auditors.
S. F. HOSKINS,	
W. P. WHITCHER.	

LISBON, N. H., March 1, 1882:

H. C. SYMONDS, 1st SELECTMAN.

1881.

Mar.	12, 3	days filling invoice blanks,	4 50
	15, 2	days distributing blanks,	4 00
	16, $\frac{1}{2}$	day preparing county claim	75
	24, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on pauper matters,	75
	29, 2	days at Haverhill,	3 00
Apr.	5, 4	days taking inventory,	8 00
	6, 1	day in office receiving inventories,	1 50
	9, 2	days taking invoice,	4 00
	16, 6	days on invoice, recording &c	9 00
	20, 3	days taxes,	4 50
	23, 1	day on taxes,	1 50
	25, 1	day on returns to Secy. of state,	1 50
	28, 3	days on highway and collector's books	4 50
	30, 2	days copying taxes,	3 00
May.	3, 2	days on copying taxes,	3 00
	5, 1	day distributing highway books,	2 00
	6, 1	day dividing school money,	1 50
	7, $\frac{1}{2}$	day to see about Jason Whipple,	1 00
	23, 1	day to streeter bridge and records,	2 00
	25, $\frac{1}{2}$	day to North Lisbon,	1 00
	27, 1	day to Easton for lumber,	2 00
June.	2, $\frac{1}{2}$	day to South Littleton,	1 00
	7, $\frac{1}{2}$	day to Landaff for lumber,	1 00
	10, 1	day to Sugar Hill and Cole Dict. road,	2 00
	16, $\frac{1}{2}$	day about pauper settlements,	1 00
	22, $\frac{1}{2}$	S.H.B.Road and pauper matter,	1 00
	25, $\frac{1}{2}$	day about pauper settlements	1 00

July.	9, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	road matters and records,	75
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on No, Lisbon Flint damage claim,	1 00
Aug.	1, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	to let job on Streeter bridge,	1 00
	9, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	to Landaff for lumber,	1 00
	16, 1	day	to Sugar Hill and Franconia,	2 00
	20, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	to Walker Hill school hearing,	1 00
	24, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	to see about Northy road,	1 00
Sept.	18, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on account of paupers,	1 00
	23, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on accout of Anna Martin settlement,	75
	24, 1,	day	to Haverhill,	1 50
	26, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on Taylors settlement,	75
	28, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	to Walker Hill pauper case,	1 00
Oct.	6, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on Mrs. Fuller case,	1 00
	26, 1	day	to perambulate line Bethlehem,	2 00
	27, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	making records,	1 00
	31, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on pauper settlement,	75
Nov.	5, 1	day	to Landaff and records,	2 00
	10, 1	day	to see to Bishop family,	2 00
	14, 1	day	to perambulate line Franconia,	2 00
	24, 1	day	on account of Northy family,	2 00
	29, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	to Landaff to examine records on Taylor case,	1 00
Dec.	7, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on records and pauper claim,	75
	11, 1	day	revising jury box and settling bills,	1 50
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	to Woodsville to see com'rs,	75
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on records in pauper case,	75
	31, $\frac{1}{2}$	day	on Sabin settlement,	75

1882.

Jan.	5, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on account of Marden family,	1 00
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$	day to No. Lisbon pauper case,	1 00
	28, 1	day to Franconia and Sugar Hill,	2 00
Feb.	13, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on pauper settlement,	1 00
	20, 1	day to Haverhill to examine records,	1 50
	23, 2	days settling bills &c,	3 00
	25, 2	days with Auditors,	3 00
		Making and recording orders during the year,	5 00
			<hr/> \$118 50

JAMES H. JESSEMAN, 2d SELECTMAN.

1881.

Mar.	12, 1	day to Lisbon after blanks,	2 00
	19, 3	days distributing blanks,	6 00
	21, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on pauper matter,	1 00
Apr.	9, 8	days taking invoice,	16 00
	16, 6	days making taxes,	9 00
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on pauper matter,	1 00
May	4, 1	day to Lisbon after tax bills,	2 00
	6, 2	days distributing highway bills,	4 00
	23, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on Streeter bridge,	1 00
June	8, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on road in district No. 27,	1 00
	14, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on road in district No. 30,	1 00
July	21, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on road in district No. 19,	1 00
Aug.	1, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on Streeter bridge,	1 00
	4, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on Streeter bridge,	1 00
	8, 1	day on Streeter bridge,	2 00
	19, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on Streeter bridge,	1 00

	20, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on school business,	1 00
	27, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on Streeter bridge,	1 00
	29, 1	day on Streeter bridge,	2 00
Sept.	5, 1	day on Streeter bridge,	2 00
	14, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on Streeter bridge,	1 00
Oct.	3, 1	day on pauper matter,	2 00
	25, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on pauper matter,	1 00
	28, 1	day to town farm, &c.	2 00
Nov.	11, $\frac{1}{2}$	day to Streeter bridge,	1 00
	12, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on pauper matter,	1 00
	14, 1	day running town line,	2 00
	19, 1	day on pauper matter,	2 00
	21, 1	day to county farm with pauper,	2 00
Dec.	10, 1	day to Easton to settle claims,	2 00
	15, $\frac{1}{2}$	day revising jury box,	1 00
	17, $\frac{1}{2}$	day on pauper matter,	1 00
1882.			
Jan.	28, $\frac{1}{2}$	day settling claims,	1 00
Feb.	23, 2	days settling claims,	3 00
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			\$78 00

EDWIN KNIGHT, 3d SELECTMAN.

1881.

Mar.	12, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	days filling invoice blanks,	3 75
	15, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	days distributing invoice blanks,	3 00
Apr.	8, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	days taking inventory,	9 00
	25, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	days making taxes &c.	15 75
May.	4, 1	day nearly on town business,	1 25
Aug.	1, $\frac{1}{2}$	day to No. Lisbon, Streeter bridge and and S. H. Brook road, on road and bridge business,	1 25

Aug.	$\frac{1}{2}$	day to Walker Hill school case,	1 00
Dec. 15,	$\frac{3}{4}$	day revising juror box settling &c.	1 00
1882			
Feb, 23,	2	days settling bills,	3 00
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			\$39 00

LUCIUS A YOUNG, TOWN CLERK.

1881.

May.	10,	making copy enrollment 8 pages,	1 36
		making record enrollment 8 pages,	1 36
May.	20,	recording 2 marriages	50
	26,	making record 15 marriages returns to	
		Sec. of State,	3 75
		making records 23 births, returns to	
		Sec. of State	5 75
		making records 26 deaths, returns to	
		Sec of State,	6 50
		making records 23 births, returns to Sec.	
		of State	5 75
		making records 26 deaths, returns to Sec	
		of State,	6 50
July.	5,	recording 1 marriage,	25
	6,	recording 1 marriage,	25
	28,	recording 1 marriage,	25
Aug	4,	recording 2 marriages,	50
	17,	recording 1 marriage,	15
	23,	drawing jurors and notifying	2 25
Nov.	22,	making copy of invoice of G.W.Harris,	25
		making copy of invoice of Chester Tavior	25

	25, making copy of invoice of J. W. Northy,	25
Dec.	13, making copy of invoice of Jacob Ela,	25
	22, making copy of invoice of Leonard Sabin,	25
	making copy of invoice of J. C. Sabin,	25
	31, making copy of invoice of Edwin Marden,	25
	making copy of invoice of Louis Marden,	25
Sept.	8, recording 1 marriage,	15
Oct.	20, recording 1 marriage,	15
Nov.	8, recording 1 marriage,	15
	16, recording 1 marriage,	15
1882.		
Jan.	17, recording 1 marriage,	15
Feb.	4, recording 1 marriage,	15
1881.		
June.	10, making record town invoice 50 pages,	8 50
1882.		
Feb.	15, drawing jurors and notifying	75
	making 35 pages town record,	5 95
	postage during the year,	18
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		\$53 20

REPORT

OF THE

School Committee,

OF THE

Town of Lisbon, N. H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, '81.

School Report.



Our Common School system is the boast of New England, and well it may be for to it we owe our leadership in intelligence and enterprise. The importance of good common schools is well understood and felt by most of our citizens, whether they have children to attend them or not. That which is of so much value as the education of the young, is worthy of careful study to make it as efficient as possible. Details which in a less valuable work might be treated as unimportant, must not be ignored as trifles in this.

First-class teachers, proper text books, a comfortable and pleasant school room, are essential to efficient work. The class of teachers for the past year has been fully up to the average of country schools. But only one teacher outside of the village school has graduated from a normal school, and we think no other a graduate from any academy. Two village teachers report having attended a normal school, also one outside the village. The registers do not

show whether they graduated or not. That there are teachers who keep excellent schools without completing a full course of study, none will deny. So there are successful men and women in other trades who have not served a regular apprenticeship; but that does not prove that a training school is of no value, or that these same teachers would have done more and better work by having the advantages of a drill under experienced educators. We have heard, with pleasure, that two of our best teachers propose soon to enter the Normal School at Plymouth, for a full course of study. May many others go and do likewise.

The subject of text books is very trying both to parents and teachers. We hope the time will soon come when this will be regulated by a board of education for the State. Till then we must do the best we can; though three boards in one small town is a little more than we can endure without protest. Most of the town schools have secured uniformity of text books, and we would be slow to suggest any changes. Yet finding the Spelling book and Arithmetic antiquated, we think a change in these would be beneficial. To take the place of our Arithmetics, we think Robinson's Shorter Course, the best we have examined, especially as it is used in the adjoining town of Littleton. Almost all the schools are without a globe and dictionary, which are now considered essential furniture.

The registers are a trial to the Superintendent, as well as to many of the teachers. But so long as they are the basis of the town and State reports, it is essential that they be correctly and fully filled

out. These reports are also the basis for the division of a portion of the school money.

In the supervision of the school of the town the Superintendent has found improvements to suggest to teachers and pupils which have been readily received, which need not be mentioned here.

The whole number of scholars, between the ages of 5 and 15, as returned to me by the selectmen, is 328. The whole number as reported by the registers who have attended school during the past year is 425; 175 in the village, 48 on Sugar Hill, and the remaining 202, the other districts.

SALMON DISTRICT, No. 2.

The summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Addie E. Gould, a graduate from a Normal School. Whole number of pupils, 36; average daily attendance, 34. The opening of the school gave promise of more than ordinary success. I was not able to visit the school at the time fixed for the closing examination, but hear that Miss Gould kept a good school. The fall term of ten, and the winter term of eleven weeks were taught by Mr. P. B. Stevens. Mr. S. taught excellent schools. Thorough work and a large amount of it was accomplished. Fall term, whole number, 40; average, 33. Winter term, whole number, 43; average, 38. Number of different pupils for the year, 47.

NORTH LISBON DISTRICT, No. 3.

The entire school year of three terms has been taught by Mrs. A. Hortense Bedell. Whole number of weeks taught, 29; whole number of differ-

ent pupils for the year, 38; average, 26. In the summer and fall terms especial attention was given to reading and spelling with good results. The larger number of pupils and more classes in the winter term made this term more difficult to teach. But Mrs. B. was untiring in her efforts, and was rewarded with a good degree of success.

MINK POND DISTRICT, No. 4.

The summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Sarah A. Clough. Whole number of pupils, 15; average, 14. This was Miss Clough's first school. We think she has the qualities for a first-class teacher. She showed great anxiety to please and keep a good school. At the close of the term there was a public examination, which did credit to teacher and pupils. The winter term of eleven weeks has been taught by Miss Katie A. Johnson. Whole number, 19; average, 11. Whole number, of different pupils for the year, 19. This was Miss J.'s first school. She gave very good satisfaction to the district. There was also an examination at the close of the term which was attended by a number of citizens.

COLE DISTRICT, No. 5.

The summer term was commenced by Miss Ardel Phillips, but as there was but two pupils it was thought best to close the school for the summer. The winter term of twelve weeks has been taught by Miss M. L. Weir. Whole number of pupils, 13; average, 11. The average age of the scholars in

this district is the highest of any school in town; over one half of the whole number being over fifteen years of age. This term has been an interesting one, and good progress made in the common English branches taught. If this district is to continue, a new school house is very much needed. Would it not be better for the district to unite with Sugar Hill?

GOODNOW DISTRICT, No. 6.

The summer term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Florence M. Young. Whole number of pupils, 19; average, 15. Miss young is an experienced and successful teacher, and under more favorable circumstances would have taught an excellent school. When will parents learn that it is "penny wise and pound foolish" to send their children to school without books, or with books that cannot be properly classified? This school needed books very much. The winter term of sixteen weeks has been taught by Miss Hattie A. Sherman. Whole number of pupils, 19; average, 12. Whole number for the year, 22. The term opened well and gave promise of a good school, but when about half through, sickness nearly broke up the school for a while, and quite a number of the scholars did not return for the remainder of the term. This seriously broke up the classes and prevented the school accomplishing what it might otherwise have done. About fifteen dollars has been expended in repairs on the school room. Would it not be well to expend a like sum in enlarging and grading the grounds?

CENTRE DISTRICT, No. 7.

The summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss E. C. Hildreth. Whole number 14; average, 10. This is an interesting and forward school. The closing examination was very satisfactory. Here is a class in arithmetic which merits especial mention for their thorough knowledge and prompt answers. The winter term of eleven weeks has been taught by Mrs. S. M. Little. Whole number, 15, average, 14. Mrs. Little taught a good school. A class in algebra made more than usual progress. The diagrams in grammar were perfect, though the sentences were difficult. Whole number for the year, 19.

STREETER POND DISTRICT, No. 8.

The summer term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Nettie M. Knight. Whole number, 9; average, 7. Miss Knight is an experienced teacher and kept a good school. The winter term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Alice Page. Whole number, 20; average, 13. Whole number for the year, 17. Miss Page has taught this school a number of terms to the satisfaction of the Superintendent and district. This term has been interrupted by sickness and seriously injured the progress of the classes. This school needs a greater uniformity in text books.

GEORGEVILLE DISTRICT, No. 9.

A term of ten weeks was taught by Miss Jennie Richardson, who taught the same school last year. Whole number, 7; average, 6. Miss R. kept an ex-

cellent school. It is to be regreted that the children of this district cannot have larger advantages for schooling.

WALKER HILL DISTRICT, No. 11.

The fall term of eight weeks was taught by Miss M. Nellie Lehans. Whole number, 19; average, 18. Miss L. kept a good school and gave general satisfaction to the district. The winter term of eight weeks was taught by Mr. Joel C. Temple. Whole number, 21; average, 18. Whole number of different pupils for the year, 22. The progress in arithmetic and geography was very fair, but there should be more attention given to reading and spelling. About \$25 has been expended in repairing the school house, and they now have a pleasant school room.

SUGAR HILL SCHOOL.

The summer and fall terms of this school were taught by Mrs. S. M. Little. Whole number of pupils in summer, 29; average daily attendance, 26. Fall term, 34; average, 29. Mrs. Little proved herself an earnest and efficient teacher. The examination at the close of the fall term was very satisfactory to the committee. The winter term was commenced by Mrs. P. H. Aldrich, but the canker rash appearing in the school made it necessary to close it at the end of the ninth week. The committee

did not visit the school a second time, therefore are not able to make a report upon its progress.

Whether a graded school with two teachers is practicable, we leave the district to decide, but if we are to allow Higher English studies to be taught, there should be such provisions made as not to rob the primary scholars of proper instruction. Let us reject the Higher English or make suitable provisions for both.

S. S. NICKERSON,
DARIUS QUIMBY,
F. H. BOWLES.

LISBON VILLAGE.

The High school has been taught during the year by Miss Sarah L. Arnold; the Grammar school by Miss Julia E. Palmer; the Intermediate school, spring and fall, by Miss Mattie J. Cobb; the winter term by Miss Marion L. Gould; the Primary, spring and fall, by Miss Martha L. Kimball; winter by Miss Marion B. Minot. Number of pupils for the fall term, 154; High school, 36; Grammar school, 29; Intermediate, 43; Primary, 46. Attending to reading, 154; spelling, 154; penmanship, 132; arithmetic, 122; geography, 71; grammar, 65; U. S. History, 28; English History, 14; composition, 53; drawing, 153; vocal music, 36; book-keeping, 4; Natural History, 8; botany, 6; philosophy, 9 algebra, 13; geometry, 11; physical geography, 6; Latin, 5.

These schools are graded and are not permitted to be taught by any but the most competent teach-

ers. Therefore the dicipline is excellent and all pupils attending enjoy superior advantages.

EDWIN KNIGHT,

For the Board of Education.

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